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In re application

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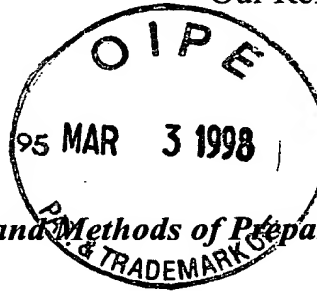
Applicant: Raafat E.F. Fahim et al

Title: *Acellular Pertussis Vaccines and Methods of Preparation Thereof*

Filed: July 12, 1995

Group No.: 1817

Examiner: B. Prickril



December 12, 1997

AMENDMENT

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C.
20231, U.S.A.

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 1997, please amend this application in the following manner:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 to 26, 40 and 41.

REMARKS

Petition is hereby made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of three months of the period for response to the Office Action. The prescribed fee is enclosed.

The Examiner indicated that applicants election of claims 27 to 42 was acknowledged and that claims 1 to 26 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to nonelected inventions. The claims withdrawn from consideration have been deleted, such deletion being made without prejudice to the applicants right to file